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I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
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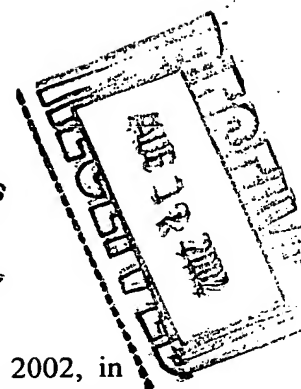
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III. OTHER DOCUMENTS

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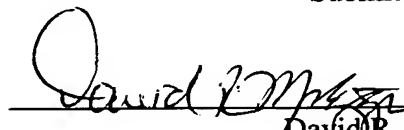
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IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The references were cited in the European Search Report dated June 6, 2002, in connection with counterpart European Patent Application No. 02003747.9-1241. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

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